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AN ACT

To amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCE.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Herit-
4 age Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999”.

5 (b) REFERENCE.—Whenever in this Act a section or
6 other provision is amended or repealed, such amendment
7 or repeal shall be considered to be made to that section
8 or other provision of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers
9 Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (Public
10 Law 103–449; 16 U.S.C. 461 note).

11 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

12 Section 102 of the Act is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and the
14 Commonwealth of Massachusetts” after “State of
15 Connecticut”;

16 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating
17 paragraphs (3) through (9) as paragraphs (2)
18 through (8), respectively; and

19 (3) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by
20 inserting “New Haven,” after “Hartford,”.

21 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET**
22 **RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-**
23 **RIDOR; PURPOSE.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 103(a) of the Act is
25 amended by inserting “and the Commonwealth of Massa-
26 chusetts” after “State of Connecticut”.

1 (b) PURPOSE.—Section 103(b) of the Act is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 “(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this title to pro-
4 vide assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Com-
5 monwealth of Massachusetts, their units of local and re-
6 gional government and citizens in the development and im-
7 plementation of integrated natural, cultural, historic, sce-
8 nic, recreational, land, and other resource management
9 programs in order to retain, enhance, and interpret the
10 significant features of the lands, water, structures, and
11 history of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley.”.

12 **SEC. 4. BOUNDARIES AND ADMINISTRATION.**

13 (a) BOUNDARIES.—Section 104(a) of the Act is
14 amended—

15 (1) by inserting “Union,” after “Thompson,”;
16 and

17 (2) by inserting after “Woodstock” the fol-
18 lowing: “in the State of Connecticut, and the towns
19 of Brimfield, Charlton, Dudley, E. Brookfield, Hol-
20 land, Oxford, Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Webster
21 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which are
22 contiguous areas in the Quinebaug and Shetucket
23 Rivers Valley, related by shared natural, cultural,
24 historic, and scenic resources”.

1 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 104 of the Act is
2 amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(b) ADMINISTRATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—(A) The Corridor shall be
5 managed by the management entity in accordance
6 with the management plan, in consultation with the
7 Governor and pursuant to a compact with the Sec-
8 retary.

9 “(B) The management entity shall amend its
10 by-laws to add the Governor of Connecticut (or the
11 Governor’s designee) and the Governor of the Com-
12 monwealth of Massachusetts (or the Governor’s des-
13 ignee) as a voting members of its Board of Direc-
14 tors.

15 “(C) The management entity shall provide the
16 Governor with an annual report of its activities, pro-
17 grams, and projects. An annual report prepared for
18 any other purpose shall satisfy the requirements of
19 this paragraph.

20 “(2) COMPACT.—To carry out the purposes of
21 this Act, the Secretary shall enter into a compact
22 with the management entity. The compact shall in-
23 clude information relating to the objectives and man-
24 agement of the Corridor, including, but not limited
25 to, each of the following:

1 “(A) A delineation of the boundaries of the
2 Corridor.

3 “(B) A discussion of goals and objectives
4 of the Corridor, including an explanation of the
5 proposed approaches to accomplishing the goals
6 set forth in the management plan.

7 “(C) A description of the role of the State
8 of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Mas-
9 sachusetts.

10 “(3) AUTHORITIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—
11 For the purpose of achieving the goals set forth in
12 the management plan, the management entity may
13 use Federal funds provided under this Act—

14 “(A) to make grants to the State of Con-
15 necticut and the Commonwealth of Massachu-
16 setts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit or-
17 ganizations, and other persons;

18 “(B) to enter into cooperative agreements
19 with or provide technical assistance to the State
20 of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Mas-
21 sachusetts, their political subdivisions, nonprofit
22 organizations, and other persons;

23 “(C) to hire and compensate staff; and

24 “(D) to contract for goods and services.

1 “(4) PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION OF REAL
 2 PROPERTY.—The management entity may not use
 3 Federal funds received under this Act to acquire real
 4 property or any interest in real property.”.

5 **SEC. 5. STATES CORRIDOR PLAN.**

6 Section 105 of the Act is amended—

7 (1) by striking subsections (a) and (b);

8 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 9 section (a);

10 (3) in subsection (a) (as so redesignated)—

11 (A) by striking the first sentence and all
 12 that follows through “Governor,” and inserting
 13 the following: “The management entity shall
 14 implement the management plan. Upon request
 15 of the management entity,”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “identi-
 17 fied pursuant to the inventory required by sec-
 18 tion 5(a)(1)”; and

19 (4) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(b) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—For
 21 the purposes of implementing the management plan, the
 22 management entity may make grants or provide technical
 23 assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Common-
 24 wealth of Massachusetts, their political subdivisions, non-

1 profit organizations, and other persons to further the
2 goals set forth in the management plan.”.

3 **SEC. 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.**

4 Section 106 of the Act is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “Governor” each place it
7 appears and inserting “management entity”;

8 (B) by striking “preparation and”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “Such assistance shall include providing funds
11 authorized under section 109 and technical as-
12 sistance necessary to carry out this Act.”; and

13 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
14 lows:

15 “(b) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
16 may not make any grants or provide any assistance under
17 this Act after September 30, 2009.”.

18 **SEC. 7. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

19 Section 107 of the Act is amended by striking “Gov-
20 ernor” and inserting “management entity”.

21 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

22 Section 108 of the Act is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the pe-
24 riod the following: “and the Commonwealth of Mas-
25 sachusetts”.

1 (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting before the pe-
2 riod the following: “and the Governor of the Com-
3 monwealth of Massachusetts”;

4 (3) in paragraph (5), by striking “each of” and
5 all that follows and inserting the following: “the
6 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments,
7 the Windham Regional Council of Governments, and
8 the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Govern-
9 ments in Connecticut, (or their successors), and the
10 Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and
11 the Southern Worcester County Regional Planning
12 Commission (or their successors) in Massachu-
13 setts.”; and

14 (4) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(6) The term ‘management plan’ means the
16 document approved by the Governor of the State of
17 Connecticut on February 16, 1999, and adopted by
18 the management entity, entitled ‘Vision to Reality: A
19 Management Plan’, the management plan for the
20 Corridor, as it may be amended or replaced from
21 time to time.

22 “(7) The term ‘management entity’ means
23 Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., a not-
24 for-profit corporation (or its successor) incorporated
25 in the State of Connecticut.”.

1 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 109 of the Act is amended to read as follows:

3 **“SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
5 priated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any
6 fiscal year. Not more than a total of \$10,000,000 may
7 be appropriated for the Corridor under this title after the
8 date of the enactment of the Quinebaug and Shetucket
9 Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization
10 Act of 1999.

11 “(b) 50 PERCENT MATCH.—Federal funding pro-
12 vided under this title may not exceed 50 percent of the
13 total cost of any assistance or grant provided or author-
14 ized under this title.”.

15 **SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

16 (a) LONG TITLE.—The long title of the Act is amend-
17 ed to read as follows: “An Act to establish the Quinebaug
18 and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor
19 in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of
20 Massachusetts, and for other purposes.”.

1 (b) **HEADING**.—The heading for section 110 of the
2 Act is amended by striking “**SERVICE**” and inserting
3 “**SYSTEM**”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 13,
1999.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.